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In re patent application of

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Serial No. 08/854,349

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For: X-RAY COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY (CT) SYSTEM FOR DETECTING THIN  
OBJECTS

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION  
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 8, 1998, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 1, after "This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/325,145, filed October 20, 1994" insert --, now U.S. Patent No. 5,712,926--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-7, 12-18, 21, and 22 and add new claims 24-31 as follows:

3--24. A method to ascertain the presence of an explosive in a three-dimensional volume represented by a plurality of voxels, wherein the explosive is smaller in at least one dimension than a linear dimension of the voxels, the method comprising the steps of: